

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on June 16, 2022 at 7:30PM

Present: Thomas Burke, Supervisor
Tyler Etzel, Timothy Finnegan and Kathryn Luciani, Council
Absent: None
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Joseph Gianzero, Leader of
Parks/Buildings/Grounds; Brandon Calore, Parks Commission; Cathy Schmidt, Library
Board; Andrew Giacomazza, Mayor; Kevin Watson, Police Chief

Public Comment on Agenda Items: No were received.

Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to accept receipt of the minutes from the meeting held June 2, 2022.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve Abstract 12 containing vouchers 22-0939 – 22-1030 and totaling \$430,789.04.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
NOES 0

c. Modifications to 2022 Budget:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to approve modifications to the 2022 budget as follows:

- Assessor’s Office - increasing A1355.412 (Service Contracts) by \$1205 and decreasing A1355.411 (Office Supplies) by \$1205
- Special Revenue Fund – increasing CM7989.400 (Other Culture & Recreations) by \$79,774 and increasing CM599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$79,774.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
NOES 0

Old Business:

Rescheduled Engineering Meeting for Lan Associates to July 7th, 2022, at 6:30pm, Village Hall.

New Business:

a. Resolution – Authorizing OCCD FY2023 Application:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to adopt resolution relating to the FY2023 Orange County Community Development Grant Program application:

“The Town of Woodbury is hereby submitting its Application for consideration under the FY-2023 Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Program and the chief elected official or executive officer is hereby authorized to submit this Application for Bathroom Remodel/Renovations at the Senior Center/Highland Mills Library as described in the proposal. Input from citizens and groups has been received and considered and an application has been prepared which addresses their community

concerns. They further certify that they have read and understood the Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Guidelines for the FY-2023 program year and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the Application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge. If awarded CDBG funds, the Municipality shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.”

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

Department Reports/Committee Minutes:

a. Supervisor Report:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to approve the May 2022 Supervisor’s Report with receipts totaling \$272,047.98 and disbursements totaling \$2,157,150.17.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

- b. Town Clerk’s Report – May 2022
- c. Animal Control Report – May 2022
- d. Police/Communications Report – May 2022
- e. Buildings/Grounds Report – May 2022
- f. Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes – May 17, 2022
- g. Police Commission Minutes – May 5, 2022
- h. Library Director Report – Not Yet Received
- i. Library Board Minutes – May 24, 2022
- j. Beautification Committee Minutes – May 5, 2022
- k. Budget vs. Actual – May 2022

Public Comment:

Mrs. Capriglione voiced her concerns regarding Hadley Farm Road. She was concerned about a previous work session from last year that was not recorded and wanted to know the outcome of that meeting to which Supervisor Burke stated that two gentlemen that were working on the Shul came to discuss the forever greenspace and the road was not discussed. He expressed at that meeting there was no approvals. Supervisor Burke stated there was a meeting in February with the Village and Attorney Joe McKay and again no approval or agreement was made there either. Supervisor Burke stated nothing else was brought up again to the Town until Ms. Jackson brought up the illegal road up at the Town Board meeting a few weeks ago. Once informed of the illegal road and the greenspace, the Town placed five, 6x6 timbers and planted trees to help secure the forever greenspace. Mrs. Capriglione states that the trees have been cut up and pulled out. Supervisor Burke states the Woodbury Police Department is on a fact-finding mission to find out who is responsible for that. She wanted to know who would be paying to replace these items, Supervisor Burke stated as far as he is concerned whoever authorized the illegal road will be responsible to pay for it. Mrs. Capriglione then wanted to know about the eruv and if that was ever put in, the Supervisor did not recall. She also brought up an escrow account that was made for the eruv. Councilman Etzel stated there was supposed to be an escrow for the Town to investigate whether the eruv could be put up across greenspace but did not recall if they put up the fence. Mrs. Capriglione wanted to know how much was in the escrow account to which Supervisor Burke advised \$4,000 was in the escrow which was all done under the previous Supervisor. Attorney McKay stated there was no specific request to take action, there was only a discussion about making a road near the emergency exit area. No communication, no application or real request has been put in. It

was just discussed generally in February and is a big concern for all parties. He reiterated what the Supervisor stated the next thing they learned was that a road was built over the Memorial Day weekend which was not even in the area that was discussed previously. Mrs. Capriglione was concerned that since they paid \$4,000 to the escrow that they took this upon themselves to take that as approval. Attorney McKay stated absolutely not. Councilman Etzel pointed out when the planning board starts escrows that does not imply that approvals were granted, this escrow account was no different. Supervisor Burke thanked Mrs. Capriglione for expressing her concerns and reiterated that when it was brought to the Towns immediate attention the following day, he took immediate action with Buildings & Grounds to ensure the area that is forever greenspace for the Town of Woodbury stays forever greenspace. Mrs. Capriglione was thankful for the immediate action but concerned that the immediate action that was taken already was destroyed by someone to which Supervisor Burke stated again that when the Police Department finds out who took out the trees, they will be responsible to pay for it.

Board Member/Department Comment:

Brandon Calore discussed upcoming events at the Parks: June 21st Yoga on the Beach at 7pm, First Responders Day along with a 5K race at the Earl Reservoir June 25th and Kids Day July 9th which coincides with the first ever kids Olympics. Mr. Calore made a personal thank you to Councilman Finnegan for his liaison help.

Joseph Gianzero spoke about Camp Rez - many children have signed up and he expects the number to increase. Park passes are being given out daily, the John Burke Memorial Pool is still on track to open July 4th. He made a personal thank you to the ladies in the Supervisors Office for getting all the applicants for the summer processed so quickly. He also made a personal thank you to his team Phil, Bobby, Will, Brad, DJ, Dom and Liam for all their hard work getting the pool done. He also expressed a thank you to the Highway department for the paving of the parking lot. Supervisor Burke then thanked the team as well for all their hard work as he is there every day seeing the progress. He extended a thank you to Mr. Gianzero for being a great leader and for all his hard work in getting these projects completed in various locations around the Town.

Cathy Schmidt spoke about the summer reading program, registration which has started, the topic is Oceans of Possibilities. The kickoff is Pirates Lost at Sea for all ages, happening at the Rez on June 28th at 6pm. There are many crafty kids and teen crafts happening which information for such can be found on the Library Events Calendar. Butterfly gardening will take place on June 17th at 4:30pm they will be planting a garden in anticipation of releasing the butterflies. The library will announce the date of the butterfly release when the time comes. Supervisor Burke wanted the library to know that Buildings and Grounds is in the process of scheduling the new air conditioning for the library. Mrs. Schmidt asked that he relay this information to the Library Director as well. Supervisor Burke stated once they have the definitive date, he will relay the information. Supervisor Burke then made a statement regarding a string of emails between the library, himself and the Town Clerk Desiree Potvin. Supervisor Burke redacted stating her name (Mrs. Schmidt) regarding \$50,000 being allotted and apologized for it.

Supervisor Burke congratulated Councilman Finnegan on becoming Woodbury Fireman of the Year. Very big honor and thanked him for his commitment to the community.

Councilman Finnegan stated it was great meeting that opened a lot of dialogue and hopes the lines of communication stay open.

Councilwoman Luciani congratulated the Monroe-Woodbury Class of 2022 as well as the Cornwall Class of 2022 she wishes them well on their future endeavors. She also congratulated the Monroe-Woodbury Softball team on winning the State Championship.

Councilman Etzel also congratulated the graduates. He also thanked Mr. Gianzero and Supervisor Burke for all their hard work to get this huge project done.

Supervisor Burke read the resignation of Neil Crouse from the Friendly Visitor Program. He thanked him for his services to the community. He also congratulated the Monroe-Woodbury Softball Team on their accomplishments.

Police Chief Watson thanked the Board for coming in early to meet with the candidates.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 PM.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

Nicole Young, Deputy Town Clerk